

Jones of North Carolina amendment that sought to increase funding for the Operation and Maintenance fund of the Corps of Engineers (by a recorded vote of 152 ayes to 275 noes, Roll No. 208); and

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Stupak amendment (No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of May 23) that sought to prohibit the use of funds to accept deliveries of petroleum products to the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (by a recorded vote of 174 ayes to 253 noes, Roll No. 209).

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Withdrawn:

Biggert amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to strike sections 311 and 312 of the bill regarding Laboratory Directed Research and Development, Plant Directed Research and Development, and Site Directed Research and Development;

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Filner amendment (No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of May 23) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to prohibit the use of funds to issue, approve, or grant any permit for the transmission of electric energy in the U.S. from a foreign country if any portion of such electric energy is generated at a power plant located within 25 miles of the U.S. that does not comply with specific air quality requirements;

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Stupak amendment (No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of May 23) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to prohibit the use of funds to implement a policy to use or consider the amount of tonnage of goods that pass through a harbor to determine if a harbor is high-use; and

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Tiahrt amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to prohibit the use of funds to promulgate regulations without consideration of the effect of such regulations on the competitiveness of American businesses.

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Point of Order:

Section 104 regarding multiyear contracts for water resources projects.

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H. Res. 291, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 203.

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**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

*Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005:* H.R. 2520, to provide for the collection and maintenance of human cord blood stem cells for the treatment of patients and research, and to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the C.W. Bill Young Cell Transplantation Program (agreed to ex-

tend the time for debate on the measure), by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-a-and-nay vote of 431 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 205; and

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*Business Checking Freedom Act of 2005:* Debated on May 23: H.R. 1224, amended, to repeal the prohibition on the payment of interest on demand deposits, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-a-and-nay vote of 424 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 206.

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*Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2005:* The House passed H.R. 810, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for human embryonic stem cell research, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 238 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 204.

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The bill was considered under a unanimous consent agreement reached yesterday, May 23.

**Recess:** The House recessed at 11 p.m. and reconvened at 12:10 a.m. on May 25, 2005.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H3772.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 188 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Five ye-a-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H3779, H3851–52, H3852, H3852–53, H3874–75, H3875–76, H3876, H3877–78, and H3878–79. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 12:11 a.m.

## Committee Meetings

### REVIEW U.S. GRAIN STANDARDS ACT

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing to Review the U.S. Grain Standards Act. Testimony was heard from David Shipman, Deputy Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA; and public witnesses.

### DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session and approved for full Committee action the Defense appropriations for Fiscal Year 2006.

### SCIENCE, THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE, JUSTICE, AND COMMERCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Science, The Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee

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#### OLDER AMERICANS ACT EXAMINATION

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Select Education held a hearing entitled “An Examination of the Older Americans Act.” Testimony was heard from Joan Lawrence, Director, Department of Aging, State of Ohio; and public witnesses.

#### NUCLEAR TERRORISM THREAT REDUCTION

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Reducing the Threat of Nuclear Terrorism: A Review of the Department of Energy’s Global Threat Reduction Initiative. Testimony was heard from Paul Longworth, Deputy Administrator, Defense Nuclear Proliferation, National Nuclear Security Agency, Department of Energy; Edward McGaffigan, Jr., Commissioner, NRC; and public witnesses.

#### ABUSIVE MORTGAGE LENDING PRACTICES

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity and the Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a joint hearing entitled “Legislative Solutions to Abusive Mortgage Lending Practices.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Federalism and the Census held a hearing entitled “Bringing Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Spending into the 21st Century: Introducing Accountability and Meaningful Performance Measures into the Decades-Old CDBG Program.” Testimony was heard from Roy A. Bernardi, Deputy Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

#### BORDER PATROL AGENT TRAINING

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Management, Integration, and Oversight held a hearing entitled “Training More Border Patrol Agents: How the Department of Homeland Security Can Increase Training Capacity Most Effectively.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Thomas Walters, Assistant Commissioner, Training and Development, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection; and Connie Patrick, Director, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center; and public witnesses.

#### STATE TAXATION AND INTERSTATE COMMERCE

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution and the Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a joint oversight hearing on “Economic Development and the Dormant Commerce Clause: The Lessons of *Curo v. Daimler Chrysler* and Its Effect on State Taxation Affecting Interstate Commerce.” Testimony was heard from Bruce Johnson, Lt. Gov., State of Ohio; and public witnesses.

#### OVERSIGHT—FEDERAL FISH HATCHERY SYSTEM

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans held an oversight hearing on the Federal Fish Hatchery System. Testimony was heard from Mamie Parker, Assistant Director, Fisheries and Habitat Conservation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; D. Robert Lohn, Regional Administrator, Northwest Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

#### BIOMASS UTILIZATION

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on Current Obstacles in Biomass Utilization: A GAO Report on Problems Agencies Face in the utilization of Woody Biomass, and the extent to which they are addressing these problems. Testimony was heard from Robin Nazzaro, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; and public witnesses.

#### DESALINATION DROUGHT PROTECTION ACT; DESALINATION PROCESS—REDUCING POWER AND OTHER COSTS

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on H.R. 1071, Desalination Drought Protection Act of 2005 and on “Reducing Power and Other Costs of the Desalination Process.” Testimony was heard from David Garman, Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy; Maryanne Bach, Director, Research and Development, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Director, CBO; and public witnesses.

#### NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FY 2006

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 1815, National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2006, to be equally divided and controlled between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the

bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Armed Services now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Armed Services.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. The rule provides that amendments shall be considered only in the order specified in the report (except as specified in section 4 of the resolution), may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report, shall not be subject to amendment (except that the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services each may offer one pro forma amendment for the purpose of further debate on any pending amendment), shall be considered as read, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to recognize for the consideration of any amendment printed in the report out of the order printed, but not sooner than one hour after the chairman of the Committee on Armed Services or a designee announces from the floor a request to that effect.

The rule authorizes the Chairman of the Committee on Armed Services, or his designee, to offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments printed in the Rules Committee report not earlier disposed of, which shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services or their designees, and shall not be subject to amendment or demand for a division of the question in the House of the Committee of the Whole.

The rule provides that during consideration of the bill under this resolution or by a subsequent order of the House that after a motion that the Committee rise or after a motion to strike out the enacting words of the bill (as described in clause 9 of rule XVIII) has been rejected on a legislative day, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may entertain another such motion on that day only if offered by the chairman of the Committee on Armed Services or the Majority Leader. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Hunter and Representatives Bradley of New Hampshire, Simmons, Shays, Stearns, Cunningham,

Latham, Manzullo, Goode, Beauprez, Skelton, Spratt, Taylor of Mississippi, Meehan, Tauscher, Israel, Udall of Colorado, Marshall, McKinney, Stark, Markey, Slaughter, DeLauro, Bishop of Georgia, Velázquez, Woolsey, Blumenauer, Ford, Kilpatrick, Tierney, Honda, Lynch, Matheson, Schiff, Michaud, Herseth and Wasserman Schultz.

#### VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Workforce, Empowerment, and Government Programs and the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs held a joint hearing entitled "How Are Our Veterans-Owned Small Business Owners Being Served?" Testimony was heard from Frank A. Ramos, Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, Department of Defense; Scott F. Denniston, Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization; Department of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

#### WTO WITHDRAWAL

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Ordered adversely reported H.J. Res. 27, Withdrawing the approval of the United States from the Agreement establishing the World Trade Organization.

#### RENEWABLE ENERGY PRODUCTION TAX CREDIT

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a hearing on Tax Credits for Electricity Production from Renewable Sources. Testimony was heard from Howard Gruenspecht, Deputy Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

#### SOCIAL SECURITY—PROTECTING AND STRENGTHENING

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Social Security continued hearings on Protecting and Strengthening Social Security. Testimony was heard from Stephen C. Goss, Chief Actuary, SSA.

Hearings continue May 26.

#### INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session and ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2475, Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal year 2006.